

### FEDERAL EXPRESS OVERNIGHT MAIL

August 7, 2006

Ms. Kathleen DeMeter Director, Office of Defects Investigation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NVS-200) 400 Seventh Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Roush Performance Products, Inc.

**Defect Information Report** 

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

Enclosed please find two Defect Information Reports prepared by Roush Performance Products, Inc. ("Roush"). The first pertains to model year ("MY") 2005 Roush Stage 2, MY 2006 Roush Stages 2 and 3, and MY 2007 Roush Stage 2 altered Ford Mustang GT vehicles. The second pertains to aftermarket kits sold under the Roush brand name.

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Should you need to speak with someone regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me directly:

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Thank you,

Joseph Thompson General Manager

Enclosures

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#### DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

#### Manufacturer's name/address:

Roush Performance Products, Inc. ("Roush") 28156 Plymouth Rd. Suite Z Livonia, MI 48150

# 2. Equipment involved in this defect notification:

Roush branded front struts that provide a suspension link and a shock absorber for the front wheels. The Roush part numbers are 401296 and 401297. The defect is associated with a problem in the front struts which were manufactured by the following supplier ("Supplier"):

KW automotive North America Inc.

1075 North Avenue Sanger, CA 93657 Phone: 1-559-875-0222

## 3. Total number of equipment items:

- (a) 24 pairs of Roush branded front struts as a stand alone component. The struts are marked as Part # R06020048-13-AA or R06020048-13-AB. They are sold under Retail Part # 401297, with Shipping Label #R06020064-13-AA.
- (b) 122 pairs of Roush branded front struts as a suspension kit. The struts in the kit are marked as Part # R06020048-13-AA or R06020048-13-AB. They are sold under Retail Part # 401296, with Shipping Label #R06000019-13-AAR.
- Approximate percentage of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect: 100% of equipment identified in Paragraph 3.
- Description of the defect:

The front anti roll bar attachment bracket on the front strut can separate from the strut housing due to inconsistent welding. This could result in a clunking noise and or poor handling in extreme or emergency maneuvers. Possible tire side wall damage may occur if the broken bracket contacts the tire.

6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

Roush first became aware of the condition as a result of 6 calls to Roush's customer service department, during the week of July 24, 2006, associated with warranty repair work orders received from dealerships on vehicles with similar struts. In each instance the bracket on the front strut fatigued, which resulted in weld failure. Roush contacted the strut Supplier about the weld failures so it could investigate. After the Supplier confirmed that its struts contained a defect, Roush concluded that a defect related to motor vehicle safety exists in the above mentioned equipment and, therefore, filed this Report.

- 7. Description of proposed remedy: The Supplier of the struts is still working on a remedy that it expects to present to Roush for our review and approval no later than August 14, 2006. Roush will provide NHTSA with additional information as it becomes available.
- 8. Program for remedy campaign (including program for reimbursing any consumer who obtained the remedy at his/her own expense within one year of the opening of the EA, or within one year of this 573 report, whichever is earlier): Roush will notify all known owners of the equipment identified above and offer to provide new struts at no charge. Roush will also notify distributors and dealers and ask them to display a placard describing the recall. Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6(c)(8)(i) and 573.13, owners will be advised that Roush will reimburse them if they have incurred any costs to obtain a remedy for a defective product before their receipt of the notification.

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